



**Port MacDonnell  
Offshore Angling Club Handbook  
(P.M.O.A.C.)**

**SEASON 2023-24**

## **Formation of the P.M.O.A.C.<sup>1</sup>**

1. The P.M.O.A.C. was founded on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1977 by the following eleven (11) founding members;
  - a. Brian Abfolter (deceased);
  - b. Gary Neilson;
  - c. Graham Milstead
  - d. John Osman;
  - e. Ken Gladman;
  - f. Ken Merrett;
  - g. Kevin Osman (deceased);
  - h. Max Carrison;
  - i. Robin Telford;
  - j. Ron White; and
  - k. Ron Wood (deceased).

## **P.M.O.A.C. Objectives and Code of Practice**

2. The objectives of the P.M.O.A.C. are to:
  - a. promote the sport of angling and game fishing both as a recreation and as a potential source of scientific data, and
  - b. promote the exchange of knowledge relating to angling and boating, and
  - c. protect our fisheries by:
    - i. taking no more fish than immediately required.
    - ii. returning undersize, unwanted, and out of season fish carefully to the water.
    - iii. taking home all rubbish from the boat and disposing of it correctly; and
    - iv. promoting tag & release for approved fish species.
3. In achieving these objectives P.M.O.A.C. members will;
  - a. participate and organize fishing competitions and tournaments for all Club members.
  - b. protect the marine environment.
  - c. observe and practice current South Australian boating safety regulations.
  - d. encourage Junior member involvement in fishing activities of the Club.
  - e. show courtesy toward all anglers and boat users.
  - f. provide facilities and equipment that enables Club members to enjoy their membership of the Club; and
  - g. operate in accordance with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (G.F.A.A) rules and Code of Practice.

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<sup>1</sup> At the P.M.O.A.C. 2022-23 AGM it will be proposed that all Founding Members are awarded Life Membership, including those who are deceased.

## P.M.O.A.C Committee

4. The affairs of the P.M.O.A.C. are managed and controlled exclusively by the P.M.O.A.C. Committee. The Committee has the power to appoint such officers and employees as are required to carry out the objectives of the Club. The Committee is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and four committee members and an Immediate Past President (for a one-year term following the election of another member to hold the position of President) all of whom shall be members of the P.M.O.A.C. A Committee Member chosen by ballot at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall hold office for a term of two years. Members are normally self-nominated and present a nomination to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM agree nominations and office bearers. The 2022-2023 season P.M.O.A.C. Committee office bearers are:

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## Membership

5. **New Members.** Personnel wishing to join the P.M.O.A.C, can find the membership application form on the P.M.O.A.C. web site <https://P.M.O.A.C..com> or, may request an application form by contacting any P.M.O.A.C. Committee member. Completed membership forms and membership payment are to be **sent to the Treasurer** via email on: [members@pmoac.com](mailto:members@pmoac.com).

6. **Determining Membership Fees.** The membership fee for each class of membership is determined by the P.M.O.A.C. at the yearly AGM.
7. **Annual Membership.** The period of P.M.O.A.C. annual membership commences at the start of the financial year on ***1 July and extends through to 30 June the following year.***
8. **Membership Privileges.** To be considered a member of the P.M.O.A.C. and be eligible for competition and annual trophies and monthly prizes, an angler must have ***completed and submitted their membership form and paid their annual membership fee for the current financial year.***
9. **Membership Renewal.** At the start of each new financial year the Treasurer will send a membership renewal notice to all current members. The renewal notice will include a membership renewal form. The membership renewal form, plus payment of the appropriate membership fee are ***to be sent to the P.M.O.A.C. Treasurer for processing.***
10. **Period of Financial Grace.** All current members shall have a three (3) months grace period following the end of the financial year within which to action their membership renewal form and pay their membership fee to the Treasurer. If a member's subscription and payment is outstanding for more than three months after the due date for payment shall cease to be a member of the P.M.O.A.C. However, the Committee may reinstate such a person's membership on such terms as it thinks fit.<sup>2</sup>
11. **National and State Game Fishing Associations Membership.** Each category of membership of the P.M.O.A.C. automatically provides membership to the Game Fishing Association of Australia (G.F.A.A.), and the South Australian Game Fishing Association (S.A.G.F.A.).
12. **Types of Membership.** Each membership category comprises both male and female groups. The categories of membership of the P.M.O.A.C. are:
  - a. Life;
  - b. Senior;
  - c. Senior - Pensioner,
  - d. Junior; and
  - e. Small Fry.
13. **Life Member.** Any member of the P.M.O.A.C. Committee can nominate a Club member for consideration to be awarded Life Membership of the Club. Nominations for Life Membership must include sufficient documentary evidence for the Committee to effectively review each nomination on its merit. As a minimum the following should be included with each nomination:
  - a. The name of the nominee.
  - b. The number of years the nominee has been a P.M.O.A.C. Club member.
  - c. The number of years the nominee served on the Club Committee; and
  - d. Exception service or dedication to the Club that attracts the nomination.

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<sup>2</sup> P.M.O.A.C. Incorporated Constitution paragraph 6. (3) SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. If the nomination is accepted by the Committee, it will be presented to the AGM for consideration. To be accepted a nominee requires a two thirds 2/3 majority vote in favour of the nomination. Once elected, Life members are exempt annual membership fees.
15. **Current Life members.** Since the P.M.O.A.C. was founded the following Life memberships have been awarded;
- a. 1996 Max Stuchberry (deceased);
  - b. 2005 Pat Barry (deceased);
  - c. 2005 Barry Praetz (deceased);
  - d. 2006 Chris Ivanovoc (deceased);
  - e. 2006 Peter Johnson;
  - f. 2008 Darryl McIntyre;
  - g. 2009 Tony Bell;
  - h. 2011 Gary Clarke;
  - i. 2013 Jim Heffron;
  - j. 2020 Andrew Flett;
  - k. 2020 David Walters;
  - l. 2020 Michael Pedlar;
  - m. 2020 Daryl Argent;
  - n. 2022 Don Pratt
  - o. 2023 Adrian Mckinnon;
  - p. 2023 Tom Egan; and
  - q. 2023 Andrew Hood.
16. **Senior Membership.** Senior members are both female and male 16 years and older.
17. **Pensioner Membership.** The 2022 AGM agreed the creation of a Senior Membership category for Pensioners. This category of membership is available to holders of a South Australian State Pensioners Card. It was agreed that the membership fee for Pensioners will be the agreed annual Membership fee minus the current fees for S.A.G.F.A. and G.F.A.A. and the Club would pay those affiliate membership subscriptions for the pensioner. N.B. this category of membership is not available to those members who are self-funded retirees.
18. **Junior Membership.** Junior members are male and female members who have attained the age of 11 years but not attained the age of 16 years. Junior members must be nominated by a parent or legal guardian. A Junior member may pay full Senior membership if they wish to compete for Senior trophies. Junior members who attain the age of sixteen years during the fishing season shall be required to fish as a Senior member for the remainder of the fishing season without a requirement to pay Senior membership fees for that period. However, Senior membership fees will apply from the next season onwards. The P.M.O.A.C will pay the S.A.G.F.A. and G.F.A.A. membership fee for the remainder of that fishing season in order that any potential record captures will be eligible for submission of a record claim.
19. **Small Fry Membership.** Small Fry members are female and male members who have not yet attained the age of 11 years. Small Fry members must be nominated by a parent or legal guardian. A Small Fry member may pay full Senior membership if they wish to

compete for Senior trophies. Small Fry members will become Junior members on their 11th birthday. Small Fry members who attain the age of eleven years during the fishing season shall be required to fish as a Junior member for the remainder of the fishing season.

20. **Affiliated Angler.** An affiliated angler must be a financial member of the S.A.G.F.A, or G.F.A.A, or the International Game Fishing Association (I.G.F.A.). Affiliated anglers are permitted to fish P.M.O.A.C. fishing competitions after paying any competition fee that may apply to the specific competition. No P.M.O.A.C. membership fee is required.
21. **Guest Angler.** Financial P.M.O.A.C. members may take guests on board their boat to fish Club competitions and the guest can be eligible for that competition trophies at a cost of \$10 per guest. The Guest Angler fee is payable to the Club Treasurer prior to commencement of the competition. This concession is limited to 2 trips per individual in any one Club season.
22. **Schedule of Fees.** The fees for the 2022-23 season are;
  - a. New Senior Member: \$20.00 joining fee, + \$100.00 membership fee; or Pensioner rate.
  - b. Renewing Senior Membership: \$100.00.
  - c. Pensioner Membership: \$64.40<sup>3</sup>
  - d. Junior/Small Fry: Free.
  - e. Affiliated Angler: The completion fee for the event being fished.
  - F. Guest Angler: \$10 / guest (limit: two trips/individual/season).).

## **BOATING AND ANGLING SAFETY**

### **Boating Safety for Recreational Vessels in SA**

23. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is South Australia's marine authority responsible for safety in South Australian waters in relation to the safe navigation of vessels, harbours and harbour facilities, movement of shipping and cargo, jetties and wharves and use for recreational and other aquatic activities.
24. Safety starts before heading out on the water, by making sure that the vessel and conditions are suitable for the trip intended. Each boat operator must ensure that the vessel carries the necessary safety equipment and meets all other regulatory requirements. This responsibility continues until all passengers are safely back on shore. Anyone who operates a recreational vessel with an engine in South Australia, including a personal watercraft (PWC), is required to have a boat operator's license, even if the engine is not in use at the time.
25. Legislation is subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that Club members regularly visit [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) to ensure that they are aware of any amendments. Boating safety reference documents are available as follows:
  - a. Copies of the Act and Regulations: [www.legislation.sa.gov.au](http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au);
  - b. Copies of South Australian boating safety handbook from:

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<sup>3</sup> At the time of publishing the G.F.A.A. and S.A.G.F.A fees are: GFAA \$12.10 and SAGFA \$23.50.

- i. Service SA on: Phone; 13 10 84; or
- ii. DPTI on: Phone; 1300 183 046; or
- iii. Downloaded from: [www.sa.gov.au/boating handbook](http://www.sa.gov.au/boating%20handbook).

26. P.M.O.A.C. members are encouraged to subscribe to “**OnDeck**” at [www.ondeck.sa.gov.au](http://www.ondeck.sa.gov.au), to receive information on current boating safety events and news.

## Boat Safety

27. The safety equipment you must carry on board your boat depends on the waters where you operate your boat and the registered length of your boat. In South Australia, waters are classified as either:
- a. Protected.
  - b. Semi-protected; and
  - c. Unprotected.
28. **Protected Waters.** Protected waters are all inland waters except Lake Alexandrina, Lake Albert and waters influenced by the tide.
29. **Semi-protected Waters.** Semi-protected waters are waters inshore of a line 2 nautical miles to seaward of the low water mark of the coast of the mainland or Kangaroo Island, or the banks of Lakes Alexandrina and Albert. Tidal waterways such as the Port Adelaide River and the Coorong are classified as semi-protected waters.
30. **Unprotected Waters.** Unprotected waters are waters offshore of a line 2 nautical miles seaward of the low water mark of the coast of the mainland and Kangaroo Island, or the banks of Lakes Alexandrina and Albert.

## Communications

31. All P.M.O.A.C. members and affiliated angler boats fishing a P.M.O.A.C. competition must have a serviceable very high frequency (VHF) or 27-megahertz (MHz) radio on board.
32. **VHF Radio.** A VHF marine radio provides communication between your boat and other boats, marinas, and the Coast Guard. The P.M.O.A.C. VHF frequencies are:
- a. **Club frequency: 22; and**
  - b. **Coast Guard: 22.**
33. **27 MHz Radio.** A 27MHz radio is a marine radio with an effective range of 10-15 nautical miles, usually limited to “line of sight”. This frequency is highly susceptible to static and has significantly reduced radio coverage compared to VHF radio. The P.M.O.A.C. 27 MHz frequencies are:
- a. **Club frequency: 94; and**
  - b. **Coast Guard: 88.**

## Additional P.M.O.A.C. Safety Requirements

34. The ultimate decision and liability to put to sea, return to harbor, or continue fishing is the boat operator.
35. In competitions, any member wishing to fish in unprotected waters (offshore of a line 2 nautical miles seaward of the low water mark of the coast of the mainland) must have at least 2 persons on board.
36. The Club encourages the use of a safety line for Junior members when fishing for large fish with a harness. The safety line may be attached to the rod, reel or harness provided that it does not in any way assist the angler in fighting the fish.

### **Required Safety Equipment Checklist**

37. At Annex 1 is an extract from the current (2023) South Australian boating safety handbook detailing the required on-board safety equipment checklist.
38. **P.M.O.A.C. Clarifying Notes.** In addition to the safety equipment checklist for vessels, the following notes are offered to members:
  - a. If the vessel is fitted with, or carrying a bilge pump, no bailing bucket is required.
  - b. A fire bucket is required in addition to a fire extinguisher. The bucket must be a stout bucket with a robust handle but does not need to be metal.
  - c. A single fire extinguisher is required as follows:
    - i. 1 x 0.9kg dry powder for up to 115 liters fuel capacity.
    - ii. 1 x 2.0kg dry powder for up to 350 liters fuel capacity.
    - iii. 1 x 4.5kg dry powder for up to 695 liters fuel capacity
    - iv. 1 x 9.0kg dry powder for more than 695 liters fuel capacity.
  - d. All 406 MHz EPIRB beacons must be registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). Evidence of registration should be carried on the vessel.

### **RULES FOR COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES**

39. **Senior Eligibility.** Anglers in Club competitions must be financial Club members or Life members to be eligible for competition trophies and records.
40. **Junior and Small Fry Eligibility.** Junior and Small Fry members are eligible for trophies in the Junior and Small Fry categories only, unless a Junior/Small Fry Member decides to pay Senior membership to allow them to contest Senior trophies.
41. **Eligible Species for Capture/Tag/Release.** The P.M.O.A.C considers the current PIRSA fish species legal size limit for Southern Zone waters as eligible captures. Such fish are recognized as the minimum size for capture, and where appropriate, tagging and release. The two (2) exceptions are: Australian Salmon where the Club imposes a Club minimum size limit of 30cm and accepted Away-Capture fish. In addition, the P.M.O.A.C recognizes G.F.A.A, and I.G.F.A. species as eligible captures.
42. **Weighing Fish.** The P.M.O.A.C. operates two weighing stations. Both stations are G.F.A.A and I.G.F.A. recognized official weighing stations. Small fish can be weighted at the weighing



station at the cleaning tables of the Port Macdonnell boat ramp. The scale is in a sealed box next to the tables. Larger fish are weighed using the gantry scales located behind the P.M.O.A.C. Club house. There is a sealed box attached to the back of the advertising board. Keys to both locations are available to each Senior Member and from the Club Committee.

43. Fish presented to the Club Weigh Master will be weighed and points will be allocated regardless of whether the fish is caught on braid or monofilament line.
44. **Fish Presentation on Weigh-In.** No mutilated fish will be accepted for weigh-in during competitions. Mutilation to the fish prior to landing or boating the catch is defined as mutilation caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. Injuries to the fish caused by leader or line, scratches, old, healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying mutilation<sup>4</sup>.
45. For the annual Tuna and Sportfish Tournament fish must be gutted and gilled. No fish should be presented with tackle or line still attached. If a member wishes to weigh a mutilated fish on a competition day, the fish can be weighed prior to, or after the official weigh-in time activity to clearly demonstrate that the mutilated fish is not a competition catch.
46. **Fishing Boundaries.** Only fish caught in the waters of the P.M.O.A.C. area chart are eligible for Club points. A copy of the P.M.O.A.C. fishing boundaries is at Annex 2. Fish caught outside the P.M.O.A.C. boundaries may be eligible for an annual trophy for the Best Away-Capture. The Best Away-Capture is awarded for the most meritorious capture (any P.M.O.A.C. and G.F.A.A. species) outside the P.M.O.A.C. fishing boundaries.
47. **Power Assisted Reels.** Fish caught on power assisted reels are not eligible for trophies. Therefore, power assisted reels are not permitted in the Tuna and Sportfish Tournament. However, to encourage maximum participation in all Club activities the Club Committee may approve the use of a power assisted reel for an individual member with a demonstrated limiting physical capacity. The Committee will consider each case on its merit.
48. **Line Class.** Whilst the Club encourages line class fishing, fish do not have to make line class (i.e., to be as heavy or, heavier than the rated breaking strain of the line on which the fish is caught). The highest point scoring fish will win the event. The Club recognizes the following I.G.F.A. Line classes:

1Kg	2Kg	3Kg	4Kg	6Kg	8Kg	10Kg	15Kg	24Kg	37Kg	60Kg
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49. **Braid Line.** All braid line captures are calculated as a minimum of **24kg line** class.
50. **Trophies.** Trophies. for each competition are determined by the Club Committee. Trophies. are open to all Club members within both Senior and Junior membership, Affiliate and Guest status. The exception is a designated monthly mystery fish draw for a prize of a reel. Once a member has won a mystery fish draw, they are not eligible for another mystery fish draw in

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<sup>4</sup> GFAA 2022 Journal Pages 49 and 50.

the remaining designated monthly completions for that fishing season.

51. **Weigh Master Discretion.** The Club Weigh Master can change, award extra trophies, or alter trophies, and allocate a trophy at their discretion in recognition of outstanding, or exceptional captures.
52. **Right to Amend Club Competitions.** The P.M.O.A.C. Committee has the right to set competitions or introduce new competitions, reschedule, and cancel existing competitions and make amendments to all P.M.O.A.C. competitions.
53. **Calculating Fish Capture Points**<sup>5</sup>. The P.M.O.A.C. fish capture points allocation consists of two elements: (1) *species of fish* and (2) *fish weight/line class*:
- a. Each calendar month, 100 points is awarded for each **recognized Club species** caught by each angler and recorded for that month, regardless of whether the fish makes line class: and
  - b. In addition, the **heaviest fish** of each **recognized Club species** caught by each angler and recorded for that month, is also awarded points based on the following calculation.

**Calculation:** weight of fish x 100, divide by line class = points

**Example:** fish species = 100 +

5.7kg x 100 = 570, divide 2kg (line) = 285 points

**TOTAL: 100 + 285=385 points for that species of fish**

- c. **Sharks and Eagle ray.** To be eligible to receive points all Shark and Eagle rays are calculated at half of the point score compared to other species of fish. Therefore, point scoring for Shark and Eagle ray is based on the following calculation:

**Calculation:** weight (Shark/Eagle ray) x 100, divide line class, divide by 2 = points

**Example:** fish species = 100 +

50kg x 100 = 5000, divide 10kg (line) = 500, divide by 2 = 250 points

**TOTAL: 100 + 250 = 350**

54. **Tag and Release.** The tagging and release of fish is a P.M.O.A.C. objective. To this end, tag and release of specified species has a dedicated trophy. At present, the Club sources Southern Blue Fin Tuna tags from the N.S.W. Department of Primary Industries. All members are asked to exercise responsible handling of tags, correct tagging procedures, especially for smaller fish. This assists a higher survival rate after tagging. Finally, tag card administration should be completed correctly and in a legible handwriting with all detail provided.
55. The following advice is provided to ensure that the Club meets the ethical expectations regarding fish tagging:
- a. All unused tags should be well maintained, protected, and cared for.

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<sup>5</sup> The ItsFishing tournament program utilised by the Club reflects the following points calculation algorithms.

- b. Once the fish has been tagged, fill out the card correctly and return the card to the Club Tag Master, or a committee member on return to shore;
- c. Sharks should be tagged with purpose made Shark tags and the appropriate Shark tag applicator.
- d. All used tag cards must be handed to the Club Tag Master, recorded and forwarded to N.S.W Fisheries for replacement tags;
- e. Broken tags and wet illegible tag cards must be handed to the Club Tag Master so they can be replaced; and
- f. A lost tag must be reported to the Club Tag Master so it can be reported to the NSW Fisheries and replaced.
- g. Sharks must be 100cm in length<sup>6</sup> to be eligible to be tagged.

56. In addition to species points (100 points) for the first of each species captures, the points allocation for tag and release are as follows:

<b>SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA (Line class and points allocation)</b>										
1Kg	2Kg	3Kg	4Kg	6Kg	8Kg	10Kg	15Kg	24Kg	37Kg	60Kg
2000	1000	500	400	300	200	200	200	200	200	200
Southern bluefin tuna that meet line class = 100 tagging points										
Southern bluefin tuna that do not meet line class = 50 tagging points										
Southern bluefin tuna 100 kg and over = 1000 tagging points										
<b>OTHER SPECIES<sup>7</sup></b>										
Albacore that meet line class = 200 tagging points										
Albacore that do not meet line class = 50 tagging points										
Mako and Thresher shark = 500 tagging points										
Gummy, Tope and Whaler Shark and Eagle ray = 100 tagging points										
Blue sharks = 10 tagging points										

57. **Estimating Fish Weights Based on Length.** At Annex 3 are the latest GFAA length to weight curves for Yellow Fin Tuna, Southern Bluefin Tuna and Mako Shark.

58. **Merit Patch for Tag and Release.** The G.F.A.A. offers merit patches (see below example) for anglers who qualify by tagging and releasing the following number and combination of fish species, including shark:

- a. Five (5) fish of three (3) separate species.
- b. Ten (10) fish of five (5) separate species.

<sup>6</sup> G.F.A.A. requirement: see G.F.A.A. 2021 Journal Page 49.

<sup>7</sup> If claiming a record for sharks or rays, the G.F.A.A. requires that they must be at least twice the weight of the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed: see G.F.A.A. 2021 Journal page 46 (minimum weights).

- c. Fifteen (15) fish of five (5) separate species.
59. To qualify for a merit patches an angler must submit the following through the P.M.O.A.C. Tag Master, to the G.F.A.A.:
- a. species of fish.
  - b. dates of tag and release.
  - c. serial numbers of tag cards submitted to the N.S.W. State Fisheries; and
  - d. a Cheque for \$11.00 (includes GST) for the issuance of the Merit Patch.



Example of an G.F.A.A. Tag Merit Patch: 10 fish / 5 species.

60. **Line Regulations.** The following G.F.A.A. line regulations shall apply. These details can also be found on the G.F.A.A. webpage, and are contained in the G.F.A.A booklet.
61. **Backing.** The use of backing is permissible.
62. **Line.** The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line directly preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line. (For record claims, 16m of the single line must still be supplied.)
63. **Doubles.** The use of a double line is not mandatory. If a double line is used, it must meet the following specifications:
- a. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
  - b. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.
  - c. **Saltwater species: In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb)** the double line shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft).
  - d. **Saltwater species: In all line classes over 10kg (20lb)** the double line shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19m (40ft).
64. **Leader Regulations.** The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:
- a. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook.
  - b. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device.
  - c. Holding devices are prohibited.
  - d. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

- e. **Saltwater species in all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb):**
    - i. the leader shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft).
    - ii. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft).
  - f. **Saltwater species in all line classes over 10kg (20lb).**
    - i. the leader shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft).
    - ii. The combined length of a double line and leader is limited to 12.19m (40ft).
65. **Gaffs, Nets, Harpoons and Tail Ropes.** Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 2.44m (8ft) in overall length. When using a flying or detachable gaff, the rope may not exceed 9.14m (30ft). The gaff rope must be measured from the point where the rope is secured to the detachable head to the other end. Only the effective length will be considered. If a fixed head gaff is used, the same limitation shall apply, and the gaff rope shall be measured from the same location on the gaff hook. Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff.
66. **Harpoons.** Harpoons or lance attachments are prohibited.
67. **Tail ropes.** Tail ropes are limited to 9.14m (30ft).
68. **Competitions.** The Club shall organize monthly competitions each year. Competitions may include specific species of fish for a particular month, or meritorious capture for all Club species, etc. Specific competitions shall be organised by the Committee and may include events such as line class and or specified species competitions.
69. **One-Fish-One-Prize.** For regular monthly club competitions, the Club Committee applies a One-Fish–One-Prize rule in order to recognise the maximum notable captures shared by the Club membership.
70. The annual Tuna and Sportfish Tournament is usually organised for the month of May to coincide with the arrival of tuna in the waters off Port Macdonnell. Each year the Committee shall notify all Members of the competitions organised for that year.
71. **End of Year Presentation of Trophies.** The Club holds an annual presentation evening event for all Club trophies for Senior and Junior Club members. Trophies are presented for:
- a. Monthly Champion Angler;
  - b. Club Champion Angler;
  - c. Club Champion Boat;
  - d. Champion Tag and Release Angler;
  - e. Champion Tag and Release Boat;
  - f. Heaviest Fish Species Trophies.;
  - g. Heaviest fish captured in each of the G.F.A.A. Line Class categories (11 trophies);
  - h. First Tuna of the Calendar Year;
  - i. Best Away-Capture; and

j. Anal Fin Award.

72. **Monthly Champion Angler.** When fishing on non-competition days, members are encouraged to weigh their fish on the Club scales located at the cleaning tables. Members are encouraged to enter all the required capture details in the Club weigh-in book. Entries in the weigh-in-book on non-competition days, Club Competitions and the Tuna & Sportfish Tournament, are counted at the end of that month towards the Monthly Champion Angler.
73. **Club Champion Angler.** Points from each month's capture points, Club competitions and the Tuna & Sportfish Tournament for each angler are aggregated at the end of the financial year. The angler with the highest points is declared the Club Champion.
74. **Club Champion Boat.** Points from each month's capture points from the weigh in book and the Tuna and Game Fishing Tournament for each boat are aggregated at the end of the year and the boat with the highest points is declared the Club Champion Boat.
75. **Champion Tag and Release Angler.** The angler who has accrued the highest number of points for tagging and releasing fish in all tag and release species is declared the Champion Tag and Release Angler.
76. **Champion Tag and Release Boat.** The boat that has accrued the highest number of points for tagging and releasing fish in all tag and release species is declared the Champion Tag and Release Boat.
77. **All-Tackle Heaviest Fish Species Trophies.** The anglers who capture the heaviest fish in each of the Club recognized species for the year shall be awarded the trophy for that species. Members can be awarded trophies. for more than one species.
78. **Heaviest Fish in Each G.F.A.A. Line Class.** The angler who captures the heaviest fish in a G.F.A.A. Line Class for the year shall be awarded the trophy for that Line Class. Members can be awarded trophies for more than one Line Class. This takes effect from the beginning of the 2022-23 fishing season beginning 1 July 2022.
79. **First Tuna of the Calendar Year.** The angler who captures the first Tuna (any species) of the calendar year shall be awarded this trophy. On capturing the first tuna the boat skipper shall radio into any other P.M.O.A.C. club boat fishing on that day and report the capture and the time of capture to claim the trophy. The tuna shall also be entered in the captures book at the fish cleaning site but does not need to be the first tune entered in the captures book. Disputers as to who captured the first tuna shall be presented to the Club Committee for resolution and decision.
80. This trophy is the only Club angling trophy that **is awarded for a capture in a calendar year**, and not the Club Financial Year. This is due to the annual arrival of tuna off the Port Macdonnell coast in approximately April/May and departing approximately October/November, thus spanning two financial years. The Club Committee deems that to avoid confusion it is appropriate to award this trophy based on seasonal factors.

81. **Best Away-Capture.** The Best Away-Capture is awarded for the most meritorious capture (any P.M.O.A.C. and G.F.A.A. species) outside the P.M.O.A.C. fishing boundaries. Results of the capture should be passed to the Club Weigh Master for record and consideration as soon as possible after the capture. It is helpful if as much information about the capture is provided including, date and general location, fresh or salt water, fish species, weight/length, line class, if any, and any other information considered relevant to justify the merits of the capture.
82. **Anal Fin Award.** All members are encouraged to “dob” in a mate regarding any fishing and or boating incidents to the Committee, as soon as possible after the event. This is usually a coveted and well contested friendly and entertaining award.
83. **Club Species List.** The P.M.O.A.C Club species list is at Annex 4.
84. **Recognition of Captures.** The Club displays the heaviest fish for the current year and the Club heaviest all time captures of each species in the P.M.O.A.C. Club room.

### **G.F.A.A. and S.A.G.F.A. Trophies**

85. In addition to the P.M.O.A.C. trophies all members of the P.M.O.A.C. are eligible to compete for both S.A.G.F.A and G.F.A.A. fishing trophies each year. The P.M.O.A.C. fishing season mirrors the S.A.G.F.A and G.F.A.A fishing season and therefore, relevant captures during the P.M.O.A.C. fishing season can be nominated for the following S.A.G.F.A and G.F.A.A. trophies. All nominations are to be forwarded to the S.A.G.F.A. or the G.F.A.A. Secretary as soon as practical after the end of each fishing season.
86. **S.A.G.F.A. Trophies.** The following S.A.G.F.A. trophies are available to P.M.O.A.C members each year:
- a. **The most meritorious capture using under 15KG line class.** This trophy is awarded for any recognised G.F.A.A. species caught in South Australian waters on line classes under 15kg, between 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed for the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
  - b. **The most meritorious capture using 15 kg or greater line class.** This trophy is awarded for any recognised G.F.A.A. species caught in South Australian waters on line classes that are 15kg or greater, between 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed for the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
  - c. **The Advertiser Inter-club Tuna Cup.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who tagged the most tuna in South Australian waters between the period of 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
  - d. **The Ian Guest Junior Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most outstanding

achievement by a Junior angler in South Australian waters, between the period of 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.

- e. **The Steve Morris Junior Tag and Released Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most G.F.A.A. species tagged and released by a Junior angler in South Australian waters, between 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- f. **The Robert Oliver Small Fry Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most meritorious G.F.A.A. game fish capture by a Small Fry angler in South Australian waters, between 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
- g. **The Rolf Czabayski Champion Tagging Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who tags the greatest variety of G.F.A.A. recognised species in South Australian waters, between 1st July – 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- h. **The Ian Guest Presidents Perpetual Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most inter-club tag & release competition, for all G.F.A.A. species and line classes in South Australian waters, between 1st July – 30th June. All tags must be returned by 10th July each year. The winning club to be decided by the total of recorded tags returned by that club, divided by the number of anglers that have recorded those tags on behalf of that club. In the case of a tie, the club which has tagged the most species is declared the winner. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master. The nomination must include the following information:
  - i. The total number of tags recorded:
  - ii. The total number of recording anglers:
  - iii. The total number of species tagged:
  - iv. The nominations are to be sent to the S.A.G.F.A. Secretary by the 31st August 2021

87. **G.F.A.A. Trophies.** The following G.F.A.A. trophies are available to P.M.O.A.C members each year:

- a. **The John Obrien Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the highest tag and release point scoring G.F.A.A. club in Australian waters, for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- b. **The Bob Lowe Tag and Release Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most meritorious tag and release achievement, in Australian waters, by a G.F.A.A. affiliated club during the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.



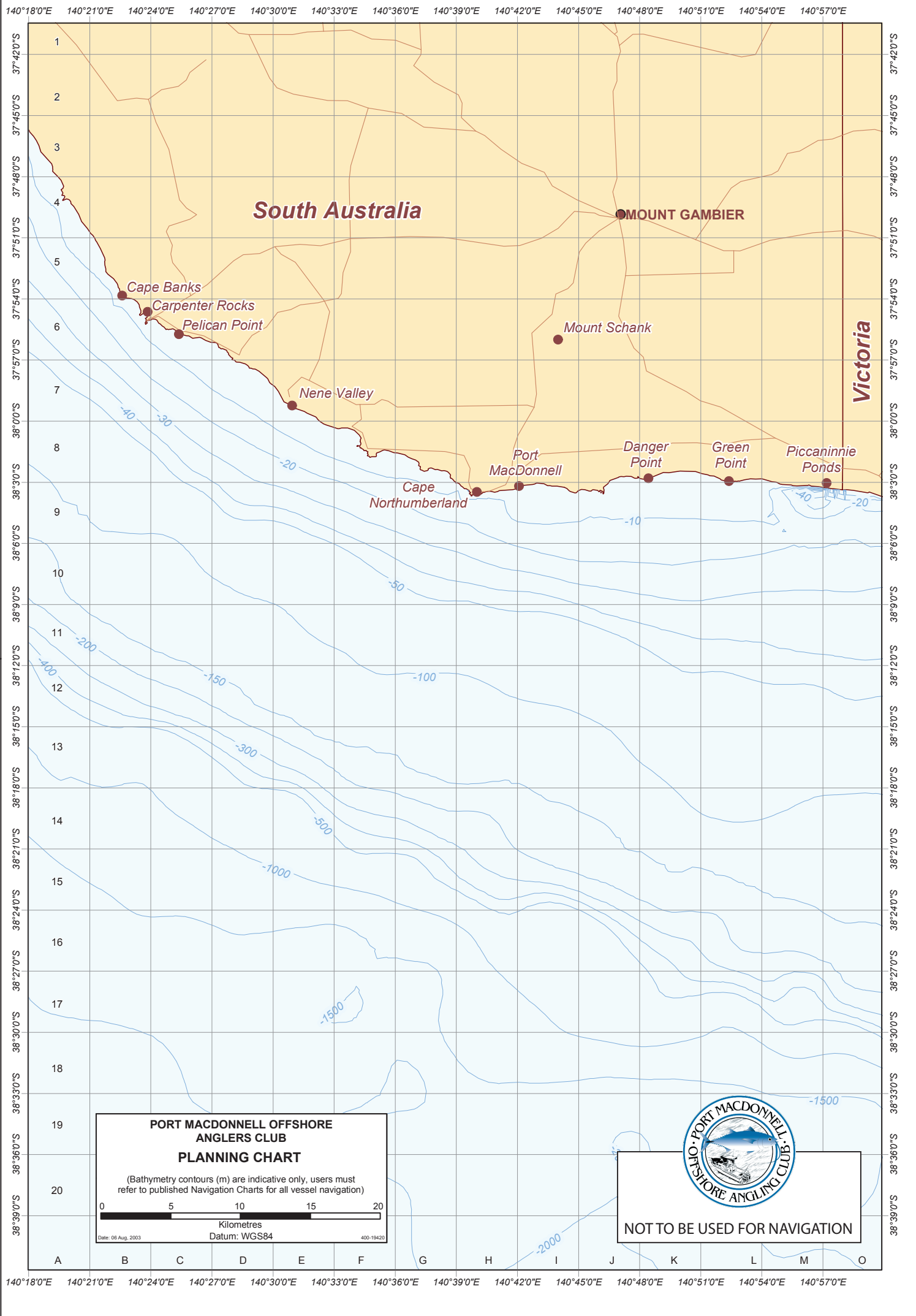
- c. **The Peter Bennett Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most meritorious tag and release achievement, in Australian waters, by a G.F.A.A. Junior during the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- d. **The Tom Bell Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest gamefish (excluding shark), in Australian waters during the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
- e. **The Peter Goadby Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who captures the heaviest shark, in Australian waters during the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
- f. **The Tailored Marine Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the highest point scoring boat for tag and release point scoring for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- g. **The Geoffrey Wooley Trophy.** This trophy is awarded for the most meritorious tag and release achievement in Australian waters by an adult angler for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- h. **The Grahame A Williams Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most sharks in Australian waters for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- i. **The John and Anne Brooker Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most southern bluefin tuna in Australian waters for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- j. **The Neil Patrick Trophy.** This trophy is awarded to the angler who tagged and released the most other gamefish in Australian waters for the year from 1st July to 30th June. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- k. **The John Dunphy Young Achievers Award.** This trophy is awarded to the Juniors who have achieved a notable fishing capture or tag and release accomplishment, or who have made an exceptional contribution to the sport of game fishing and, or, been an outstanding role model for other Juniors. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder and tagging data provided by the Tag Master, and any other notable contribution that comes to the notice of the Committee.

- l. **The Tom Roche Junior Capture Trophy.** This trophy is awarded at State and Territory level (8 X trophies in each State and Territory) and at National Level (2 X trophies) and is awarded to the highest points scoring Junior angler in Australian waters. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the Points Recorder.
- m. **The Tom Roche Junior Release Trophy.** This trophy is awarded at State and Territory level (8 X trophies in each State and Territory) and at National Level (2 X trophies) and is awarded to the highest points scoring tag and release/measure and release Junior angler in Australian waters. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.
- n. **The Tom Roche Small Fry Capture Trophy.** This trophy is awarded at State and Territory level (8 X trophies in each State and Territory) and at National Level (2 X trophies) and is awarded to the highest points scoring Small Fry angler in Australian waters. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the capture data provided by the points Recorder.
- o. **The Tom Roche Junior Tag and Release Trophy.** This trophy is awarded at State and Territory level (8 X trophies in each State and Territory) and at National Level (2 X trophies) and is awarded to the highest points scoring tag and release/measure and release Small Fry angler in Australian waters. The nomination for this trophy is managed by the Secretary based on the tagging data provided by the Tag Master.




#### **Annexes:**

- 1. Extract from S.A. boating safety handbook: required safety equipment checklist
- 2. P.M.O.C. Fishing Boundaries
- 3. GFAA Length to Weight Curves: Yellowfin and Southern Bluefin Tuna and Mako shark
- 4. Club Species List and Legal Limits

**Post Script: If you find any errors or omissions, or have other suggestions to improve the Handbook please email them to [doolnicholson@gmail.com](mailto:doolnicholson@gmail.com) or text or phone Dool Nicholson on Phone: 0434702732.**



## Required safety equipment checklists

Required safety equipment	Protected Waters	Semi-protected Waters	Unprotected Waters
<b>Vessels less than 8 metres long</b>			
 Approved lifejacket per person ^	✓	✓ Level 100 or above	✓ Level 100 or above
 Bucket with line attached or bilge pump(s)	✓	✓	✓
 Fire bucket	✓	✓	✓
 One approved fire extinguisher (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)	✓	✓	✓
 Anchor and cable	✓	✓	✓
 Waterproof and buoyant torch	✓ if operating at night	✓	✓
 Approved compass fitted to the vessel			✓
 Four litres fresh water			✓
 Two approved flares and smoke signals		✓	✓
 Marine radio			✓
 Paddles/oars (if your vessel is under six metres)	✓	✓ *	✓ *
<b>Vessels 8 metres long and over</b>			
 Approved lifejacket per person ^	✓	✓ Level 100 or above	✓ Level 100 or above
 Bucket with line attached and bilge pump(s)	✓	✓ two bailers	✓ two bailers
 Fire bucket	✓	✓	✓
 Two approved fire extinguishers (if engine fitted or cooking facilities on board)	✓	✓	✓
 Anchor and cable	✓	✓ two #	✓ two
 Waterproof and buoyant torch	✓ if operating at night	✓	✓
 Approved compass fitted to the vessel			✓
 Four litres fresh water			✓
 Two approved flares and smoke signals		✓	✓
 Marine radio			✓
 Lifebuoy with line	✓	✓	✓
<b>Additional equipment for all vessels regardless of length in prescribed unprotected waters i.e.:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more than three nautical miles from shore, except in inland waters, in Lakes Alexandrina and Albert; or</li> <li>• more than five nautical miles from shore in Gulf of St Vincent or Spencer Gulf</li> </ul>			
 EPIRB (Radio Distress Beacon)			✓
 V sheet			✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more than ten nautical miles from shore.</li> </ul>			
 Two approved rocket parachute flares			✓
 Chart of the area of water			✓
<b>If your vessel is over 15 metres in length you are required to carry an extra lifebuoy with line and a life raft.</b>			

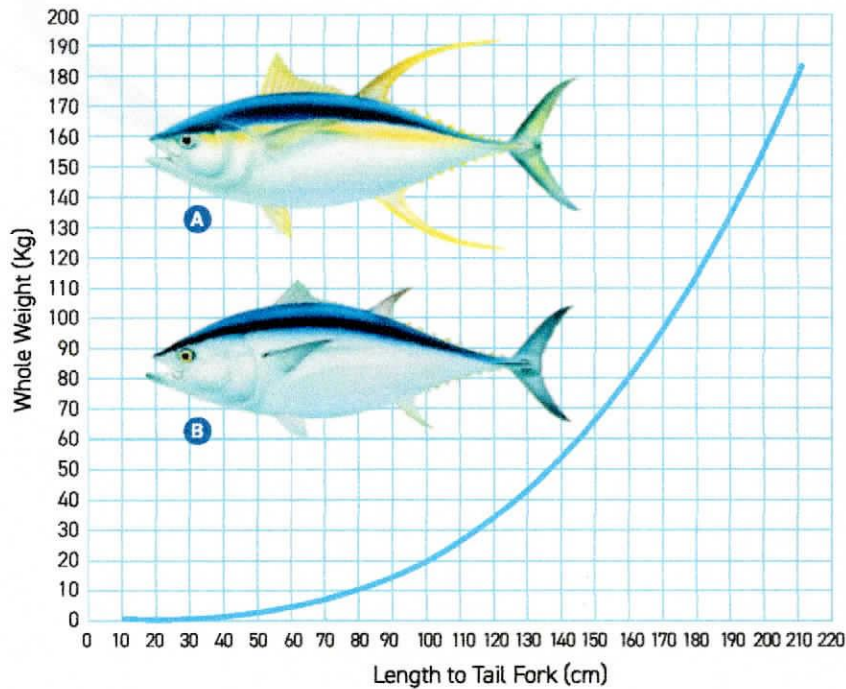
\* or another type of propulsion # If vessel is under 12 metres, second anchor can be carried as a spare

^ specific legislation applies to wearing of lifejackets – see table under When to wear a lifejacket Chapter 3 Safety on the Water



**LENGTH TO WEIGHT CURVE ESTIMATOR FOR  
YELLOWFIN AND SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA AND MAKO SHARK**

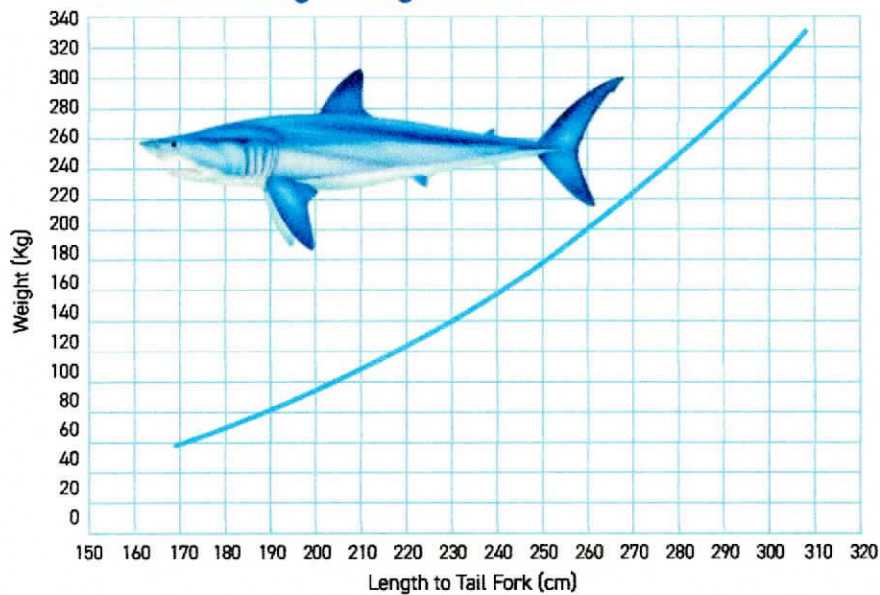
**Yellowfin(A) and Southern Bluefin (B) Tuna Length/Weight Curve**



The graph on the left shows the length/weight curve for both yellowfin tuna and southern bluefin tuna since the curves are virtually identical for these species. To determine the approximate weight of tuna, measure from the tip of lower jaw to the fork in the tail, then draw a vertical line on the graph from the length of the fish to the curve, and from that intersection, draw a horizontal line to the weight axis.

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**Mako Shark Length/Weight Curve**



This graph depicts the average curve for mako sharks in the more commonly caught size ranges. The length of the fish is measured from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail - the length used in record claims.